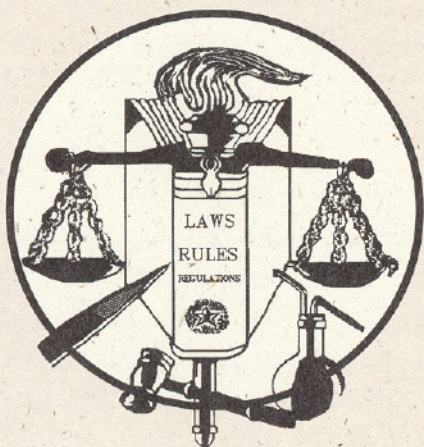




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# Information Pertaining to

The Association of American Feed Control Officials, established in 1909, is an organization in which officials of state, provincial, dominion and federal agencies, engaged in the regulation of production, analysis, labeling, distribution and sale of animal feeds and livestock remedies, may exchange ideas and share experience for mutual benefit and development of uniformity.

The purposes of the Association are:

1. To explore and solve problems encountered in administering feed laws.
2. To develop just and equitable standards, definitions and policies to be followed in enforcing such laws.
3. To promote uniformity in laws, regulations and enforcement policies.
4. To cooperate with producers and purchasers of animal feed and livestock remedies.
5. To encourage and assist in improving the performance of the professional, technical and administrative personnel representing the various agencies involved.

## Membership

Membership is open to those:

- (a) Charged by law with the administration of laws relating to animal feeds and livestock remedies.
- (b) Charged by law with the inspection and analysis of animal feeds and livestock remedies.
- (c) Engage in research on animal feeds, livestock remedies and their component parts.

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## TRAINING

*Feed Control Seminar* – An annual management seminar is held to acquaint new feed control officials with association philosophies, to develop better management skills among members, and to allow for in-depth exchanges of ideas on problems and opportunities of mutual interest. The Feed Control Seminar Committee plans the content and directs presentation of the seminar.

*Inspector Training* – The Inspection and Sampling Committee coordinates regional training activities for feed inspectors upon request. These training sessions usually involve FDA training to qualify state inspectors to engage in Federal-State programs such as medicated feed mill inspections.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Official Publication* – The Association publishes an annual handbook titled *Official Publication*. This publication is widely accepted as the authoritative reference on uniform definitions of feed ingredients and feed terms for feed regulatory compliance. The publication includes model legislation and regulations, labeling information for medicated and non-medicated feeds, statements of uniform interpretation, names and addresses of control officials, and annual AAFCO business transactions.

*What's Up in AAFCO* – This is a quarterly newsletter published by AAFCO. It is mailed to all AAFCO members and interested feed industry representatives. It keeps members and industry current with AAFCO issues and events.



## AAFCO ACTIVITIES

### Meetings

AAFCO holds its principal meeting each year during the first week in August. State and federal program administrators, technical support directors, inspection staff directors and industry representatives attend. A different state serves as host each year. The meeting is held in conjunction with the annual meetings of two sister organizations, AAPFCO (Association of American Plant Food Control Officials) and AAPCO (Association of American Pesticide Control Officials).

AAFCO committees and board meet in late January or early February each year. Most of the committee work necessitating interaction with industry representatives and control officials is conducted at this time.

AAFCO actively supports and participates in activities of the AOAC International. Each year at the annual AOAC International Meeting, AAFCO supports a Forum (Methods for Antibiotics and Drugs in Feeds). Technical expertise and information is exchanged for the methodologies used in the analysis of animal feeds.

*"No social or economic piece of legislation can effectively be enforced unless it is viewed and supported with some sympathy and understanding by the responsible members of the regulated industries."*

## AAFCO ACTIVITIES

### Investigators

Investigators are assigned to assist in the development of definitions of feed ingredients and to keep them in line with current manufacturing practice.

Current investigator areas include:

Alfalfa Products	Minerals
Amino Acids	Miscellaneous & Special
Animal Products	Purpose Products
Barley Products	Molasses Products
Brewers Products	Non-Protein Nitrogen
Chemical Preservatives	Products
Citrus Products	Oat Products
Collective Terms	Other Oil Seed Products
Cottonseed Products	Peanut Products
Distillers Products	Recycled Animal Waste
Drugs & Feed Additives	Products
Enzymes	Rice Products
Fats & Oils	Rye Products
Feed Terms	Screenings
Fermentation Products	Soybean Products
Grain Sorghums	Vitamins
Lespedeza Products	Wheat Products
Maize Products	Yeast Products
Marine Products	
Milk Products	

## Committees

The activities of AAFCO are largely coordinated through committees. Since distance precludes frequent meetings, a key to the vitality of the Association is member participation in strong committees. All committees and investigators continually seek advice from industry, research groups and government agencies. In addition to others mentioned elsewhere AAFCO committees include:

*Ingredients Definitions* - This committee serves as a clearinghouse for all new ingredient definitions. The investigator presents new definitions to this committee. The committee then makes recommendations to the investigator and the Board of Directors. This provides for more uniformity in AAFCO ingredient definitions.

*Model Bill and Regulations* - In the interest of uniformity, a major goal of the Association, this committee, with help and cooperation from industry and farm groups, has developed model

legislation, now adopted by a majority of states. *Medicated Feed* - This committee, working closely with the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), is concerned with the inspection methods of feed mills that manufacture animal feeds containing drugs and/or antibiotics. The purpose is to assure good manufacturing practices (GMP's).

*Pet Food* - This committee works with pet food manufacturers in determining proper labeling of their products. Liaison is maintained with the Pet Food Institute (PFI), the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA), and the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) Pet Food Council.

*States-Industry Relations* - This committee serves as a sounding board for feed control officials and the feed industry and provides an opportunity for public dialogue.

*Inspection and Sampling* - Work cooperatively with FDA and Industry in development of effective, inspection and sampling procedures. Promote training and training materials for feed inspectors.

*Laboratory Methods and Services* - Promote effective communications, highly qualified personnel, reliable equipment and accurate methodology in state feed control laboratories.

*Communications* - This committee prepares and disseminates information to the membership of AAFCO, industry and other parties through newsletters, brochures and other means.

*Environmental Issues* - This committee considers all issues that relate to the environment. Concerns include: feed contamination, recycled ingredients and environmental impact of products.

*Feed Labeling* - This committee evaluates labeling requirements set forth by the Model Feed Bill and Regulations to determine how they can more effectively serve manufacturers and purchasers of commercial feed.

*Collaborative Check Sample* - This committee manages an analytical check sample program for feed analysis. A sample of feed is distributed each month to Regulatory, Industry and Commercial laboratory subscribers. This feed can be any type of animal feed including a pet food or any feed ingredient. Analytical results reported by each lab are treated statistically by computer to provide a measure of reliability to participants. Statistical data are used to recommend analytical variations for adoption by member states in assessing product quality acceptability.

Protein, fat, fiber, moisture, ash, calcium, phosphorus and salt are compared monthly. When available, animal drugs and antibiotics are included in the samples. Vitamins, other minerals and amino acids are requested on certain samples. Only those assays routinely performed in your laboratory should be reported.

Approximately 250 laboratories world wide participate in the program. These include commercial, industrial and regulatory.

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